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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hidenori ITO, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: SOUND GENERATION METHOD, COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM, STAND-ALONE TYPE  
SOUND GENERATION AND PLAYBACK APPARATUS, AND NETWORK-COMMUNICATIVE SOUND  
GENERATION AND PLAYBACK SYSTEM

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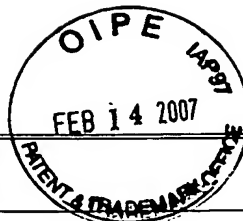
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